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SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : சமீபத்தில் சுப்ரிம் கோர்ட் இன்டர் ஸ்டேட் சேல்ஸ் டாக்ஸ் வசூல் செய்வது சட்டவிரோதமானது என்று தீர்ப்புச் சொல்லியிருக்கிறது. ஆகவே இந்தத் தீர்ப்பை அனுசரித்து இது வரையிலும் அம்மாதிரி வசூல் செய்திருப்பதையும் திருப்பிக் கொடுக்க சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்யுமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : சுப்ரீம் கோர்ட்டின் தீர்ப்பு திடும்பிரவேசமாக வந்திருக்கிறது. அதைப்பற்றியெல்லாம் நன்றாக ஆராய்ந்து பார்த்த பிறகே எந்த முடிவையும் சர்க்கார் எடுக்க வேண்டி யிருக்கிறது.

DR. K. B. MENON : Are the Government aware that orders have not been received by the subordinate officers and that they are still collecting the tax? Will the Government see that such collections are stopped?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : After the judgment was given, instructions have been issued that there should be no such collection. The hon. Member says that he has received some complaints. I do not understand how there could be any complaint because the collections are made outside the State.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : I know that goods involved in inter-State transactions are not liable to sales tax. But according to the Explanation to Article 286 of the Constitution, goods even though they are involved in inter-State transactions are liable to be taxed if they are intended for consumption in this State. Can I presume that this tax of Rs. 9 lakhs which has been collected is only on goods which have been utilized for internal consumption in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The reference of hon. Member now is to the old judgment of the Supreme Court. We have now got a new judgment.

Irrigation tanks in disuse in Tiruchirappalli district

* 2360 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of irrigation tanks, if any, classified as useless or in disuse in Tiruchirappalli district; and

(*b*) the total acreage of lands under the said tanks?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) No tank is classified as useless or is in disuse in Tiruchirappalli district.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Membership of Harijan Welfare school teachers in Akhila Malabar Harijan Samajam

* 2361 *Q.*—SRI O. KORAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have issued any instructions to the teachers of Harijan Welfare schools in Malabar not to become members of Akhila Malabar Harijan Samaj; and

(*b*) if so, for what reasons?

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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : (a) The Collector of Malabar has issued instructions to the teachers to dissociate themselves from the All-Malabar Harijan Samajam.

(b) The Samajam was participating in political activities. Government servants are prohibited from associating themselves with political organizations.

SRI O. KORAN : Considering the fact that the Samajam is working for the social and educational uplift of Harijans and does not take part in any political activities just like the Bharat Sevak Samaj and such other organizations, will the Government sympathetically consider the necessity of allowing the teachers to be members of the Samajam?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : They were found to be leaning towards politics in 1951 and subsequently in the last general elections also they took active part.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Have the Government or the authorities who issued the rule seen the constitution of this Samajam and will the Hon. Minister say whether any candidate was put up in the last elections either to the Assembly, Parliament, Local Board or Panchayat on the Samajam ticket?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : The members were closely associating themselves with political movements and also taking active part in the last general elections.

DR. K. B. MENON : Will the Government make a distinction between the Association taking part in politics and the members, a few teachers, taking part in politics and if only a few teachers have taken part in politics, will the Government please see that the Association is not banned?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Action has been taken only against such of the teachers as have been taking part in politics.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : There are other Associations, for instance, there is the Depressed Classes Federation organized by the Congress. May I know why the teachers and other people are allowed to be members of that organization?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : There is nothing like a Depressed Classes Federation. There is the Depressed Classes League and no teacher is allowed to be a member of the League.

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM : When an Association has been registered or has been working in a particular place, that Association should have some rules and regulations. May I know whether the Hon. Minister has perused the rules and regulations of that Association? Is there any rule saying that this organization has got a political aspect? If so, the Government can very easily decide whether a particular organization is political or not. Have this Government bestowed any attention on that?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Before the Collector issued the circular, he was satisfied that some members of the organization were taking active part in politics. Therefore, circulars were issued to the heads of the institution there to advise the teachers not to associate themselves with the Samajam as long as the Samajam was found to be taking active part in elections and other matters.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Any individual member who takes part in politics may be dealt with properly. That is not because he is a member of the Samajam. That is applicable to all. Does the Hon. Minister know whether this Samajam has been recognized as a political party either by the Central Election Commission of the State Election Commission for any purpose in the State?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Any teacher who offends the Government Servants' Conduct Rules will have to be punished.

Jaundice in the Central Jail, Cannanore

* 2362 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 8-50 p.m.

(*a*) how many prisoners died in the Central Jail, Cannanore, recently on account of jaundice (manchapitham);

(*b*) how many prisoners have been affected by the disease;

(*c*) the remedial measures taken by the Government;

(*d*) whether Government have received any report either from the Superintendent or from the Medical Officer, Central Jail, Cannanore, regarding the disease; and

(*e*) if so, whether the Government will place a copy of the report on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) None, Sir.

(*b*) 219.

(*c*) All cases of infectious hepatitis are segregated and kept in a separate block inside the jail. Special squads of prisoners are specially deputed for the thorough disinfection of all the blocks and lavatories and special arrangements are made to supply boiled water for drinking purposes in addition to the chlorination and stringent anti-fly measures that are taken to protect the food from pollution. Medicine is administered at the hospital. The special medical officers deputed by the Director of Medical Services to investigate the disease, besides suggesting various measures to check the disease have given to the Medical Officer of the Jail a copy of the curative and prophylactic measures to be undertaken to bring down the incidence of the disease.

(*d*) Yes, Sir.